

Kirk Smeaton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 11 September 2019 held in the Community Room, Kirk Smeaton School.

1. **Present:** Tricia Storey - Chair
Jayne Cooper; Tony Lenc; Elaine Barlett - Councillors
Clerk: Kate Bowden
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Cooper declared an interest in Item 18.1
3. **The Council welcomed** the new Chair Cllr Tricia Storey and the Vice Chair Cllr Tony Lenc.
4. **Mr Martin Donlon** was proposed to be co-opted onto the Council by Cllr Tricia Storey and seconded by Cllr Elaine Bartlett. All Cllrs welcomed Mr Donlon onto the Council.
5. **Declaration of Interest** were discussed and it was agreed that all Cllrs are aware of the importance to the Public and for their own protection that any interests are declared at the start of the meeting. Cllr Storey thanked Cllr Cooper for declaring her interest.
6. **The meeting procedure** was discussed. It was agreed that Public Questions and Issues appear at the beginning of the Agenda and any new member of the public be asked to introduce themselves.
7. **Public Questions and Issues.** The problem of speeding on Wentedge Road was again discussed and is causing the residents some concern. The meeting was informed that a build-out on Water Lane had been agreed (towards the end of the year) together with one on Wentedge at a later date. It was requested and agreed that the Clerk e-mail Gary Lumb asking for precedence in the matter of the installation of a build-out on Wentedge Road. It was requested and agreed that residents would be consulted when this is being actioned.
Note: a message has been received from the Speed Unit (NY Police) today that they are still waiting for final assessments and legal permissions to deploy safety camera vehicles on Wentedge Road.
The question of the hedge backing onto Springfield Crescent in the Allotments was causing concern. Clerk to contact Danny Curnow for a quotation for cutting and reducing the height.
8. **Minutes** of the EO meeting to elect a new Chair and Vice Chair were approved.
9. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting** held on 10 July 2019 were approved and signed as a true record.

Signed Tricia Storey (Chair)

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10. Matters arising:

- 10.1. The bollards have now been erected for Chris Smart who is very pleased with the result.
- 10.2. We have just received feedback (**today**) from the Speed Unit to indicate that the team willing to take part in the Speedwatch Scheme will be contacted for training shortly.
- 10.3. The cul-de-sac sign request for Manor Close has been acknowledged by Selby Council.
- 10.4. The bay marking in Water Lane car park request has been acknowledged by Selby Council.
- 10.5. The Village Green notice board has been examined and found to be not worthy of repair. The Council has requested a quotation for its replacement.
- 10.6. Cllr Lenc reported that he had sent a request to School for a meeting and to request a speed unit visit. The tree for the late Mrs Cooksey is being ordered, the remainder of the donation from Mr Cooksey has purchased approximately 2000 bulbs for the Village Green. (working party to be organised by Cllr Lenc) A notice of dates will be put in the magazine.

11. The Parish Council Standing Orders were agreed. Clerk to make the agreed changes.

12. The newly prepared Code of Conduct was adopted by the Council.

13. Public Bodies Website Accessibility. The Chair and Clerk are to look at Regulation 7 (1) which gives information regarding the disproportionate burden this would impose on the Council and prepare an Accessibility Statement.

14. Village Green and Village Matters

- 14.1. Smeatons' Crime WhatsApp. This was discussed and it was agreed to ask the residents via the Magazine, if they think a Crime only WhatsApp was needed. There is to be a Crime Prevention Roadshow in the Village on 25th October, this is also to be advertised in the Magazine.
- 14.2. The Church Clock will be returned next week, completely renovated. The Insurance Company have agreed to pay the cost of the repair.
- 14.3. The Ceilidh was reported to have been a great success with over 120 tickets sold. Any monies made would be paid into a new bank account specifically identified for Social Events.
- 14.4. Pinfold Lane project. The Chair reported that up to now only the hedge had been cut. The pathways were still awaiting attention. Bulbs would be planted shortly.

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- 14.5. Nearly 2000 spring bulbs have been purchased for planting on the Village Green and around the Village. A volunteer working party will be arranged to help with this task. (Cllr Lenc)
Details of the dates will appear in the Magazine.

15. Highways Matters

- 15.1. Gary Lumb (NY Highways) has confirmed that there will be a build-out on Water Lane but full details have yet to be advised. The build-out on Wentedge Road has been confirmed but finance is an issue.

16. Allotments and Cemetery

- 16.1. The new Cemetery Charges Sheet were discussed and agreed
16.2. The increase to Little Smeaton residents was agreed.
16.3. Discussion took place regarding allotment 2b – Cllr Lenc to check whether this is in use by Dave and Paul as we have (just) received a request from an interested resident.

17. Correspondence

- 17.1. **Green Space Audit** – Discussion took place and it was agreed that the Clerk complete the necessary maps.
17.2. **Audit** – it was agreed that the Parish Council were happy with the format of the Audit as it stands.
17.3. **Climate Emergency** – the PC discussed the issue and it was agreed to link with Little Smeaton with regard to this initiative and perhaps advertise in the Magazine for a champion. The Chair will discuss this with the Chair of Little Smeaton PC as soon as possible.

18. Planning Matters – moved to last item

19. Financial Matters

- 19.1. **The financial** position was circulated with a full list of all income and expenditure. This was approved.
19.2. **Cheques** drawn for Dave Bastow June £405; July £360; Clerk's Salary £600; HMRC £154.28; Zurich Insurance £79.83. Cash spent on new Mouse £5; Clerk's expenses £16.
19.3. **Monies received:** £55 cemetery income for interment
19.4. Discussion took place regarding the powers to spend Council Funds – The Clerk confirmed that all spends were made within the relevant powers.
19.5. The Clerk was given authority to buy stationery up to £50.

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18. Planning Matters

18.1 Went Valley Aggregate's Planning Application. Cllr John McCartney has informed the PC that a site visit will be held at 10 am on Tuesday 15th October. Discussion took place as to which member of the PC would be available to represent the Council at this visit. It was agreed that the Chair would attend along with the Chair of Little Smeaton PC.

Further discussion took place regarding the new Planning Application which has been or will be submitted to NYCC. The PC has not received any details to date.

18.2 Proposed Drive-thru coffee shop at Barnsdale Bar – withdrawn

18.3 No objections received for application 2019/0810 to fell one cherry tree at Rectory Court.

18.4 No objections received for application 2019/0875 re installation of recharging stations at Barnsdale Bar.

20. **Any other Business for information** – The Crime Prevention Roadshow will be held on 26 October from 2-4. Cllr Lenc reported that Mr Bradley had thanked the Council for agreeing to the scattering of Dorothy's ashes.

21. **Matters in Private – it was proposed** and agreed to commence all further PC meetings at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 20.00 hrs

Date of the next meeting – **13th November 2019 at 6.30 pm**

The Council would like to thank Mr & Mrs Wheatley of Springfield Crescent for the kind donation of lovely perennials for planting on the Village Green.

Signed Tricia Storey (Chair)

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